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Vernon Williams Surface Transportation Board 1925 "K" St. NW Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams

With regard to STB Docket AB 33 (Sub No. 202 X) we wish to request an extension of time in which to continue negotiations to acquire the railroad right-of-way between milepost 178.0 near Chapin and milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, in Franklin County, lowa

The Union Pacific Railroad has not abandoned this right-of-way and has been negotiating sale to us for the purpose of establishing a trail within the corridor.

We are requesting the assignment of another 180 days in which to hopefully conclude these negotiations.

We are sending a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago, asking for a confirmation of their willingness to continue these negotiations and are supplying ten copies of this letter to your office.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.

Tom F. Neenan